



# News Release

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## **DIANE BEAMER**

**MINISTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY  
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### **BRAIDWOOD CONSIDERED FOR HERITAGE LISTING**

One of the State's historic gold rush towns, Braidwood in southern NSW, is being considered for listing on the State Heritage Register

Assistant Planning Minister, Diane Beamer, said today the nomination of Braidwood would give residents an opportunity to have a say in the future conservation of their town.

'It's the first time a whole town has been nominated for listing since the NSW Heritage Register was established in 1999.

"Braidwood is an excellent surviving example of a period town plan, dating from the late 1830s," Ms Beamer said.

"The nomination includes a significant collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings and fine streetscapes, many of which look out over the surrounding countryside.

Welcoming the nomination, State MP, Steve Whan said "Today visitors are drawn to Braidwood for its heritage buildings, galleries, cafes and restaurants.

"Braidwood is also famous as the setting for the films 'Ned Kelly' and 'The Year Voice Broke.'" Ms Whan said.

"If the nomination of Braidwood is successful, the Heritage Office will delegate the day to day management of Braidwood's heritage significance to Palerang Council – putting the care and conservation of the town in the hands of the local community," Ms Beamer said.

Mr Whan said the NSW Heritage Office in conjunction with Palerang Council will host a series of information workshops in the coming months as part of an extensive community consultation program prior to the listing.

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